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LONDON, August 14.
The Southern Railway steamer "Princess Ena," from Southampton to St. Malo with 280 passengers, struck the Minchiers Reef off Jersey in a fog early this morning.

It was considered advisable to lower the boats, two of which were filled by the passengers in a very orderly manner. There were no casualties.

Subsequently the steamer floated off with the tide, proceeding to St. Malo under her own steam. There is no news of the two boats, but no apprehensions are felt as the sea is calm.

LONDON, August 14.
The "Princess Ena" has arrived at St. Malo with all her passengers.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

CHARABANC FALLS INTO RAVINE.

PILGRIMS KILLED.

TARBE PYRENEES, August 14.
Twenty-three Dutch pilgrims to Lourdes were killed at Saint Sauveur through a charabanc falling into a ravine.

The accident was caused by the driver trying to avoid a woman in the road.

[Lourdes is the famous grotto and pilgrimage shrine with many convents and the Church of the Rosary which is yearly visited by 500,000 pilgrims.]

COUNTY CRICKET.

MAGNIFICENT FINISH AT THE OVAL.

FINE STAND BY MIDDLESEX.

LONDON, August 14.

At Weston-super-Mare, Somerset lost to Kent by seven wickets. Woolley (F.E.) scored 106 not out in Kent's second innings.

Gloucester lost to Essex by six wickets at Cheltenham. For Essex, O'Connor compiled 128 and J. W. H. T. Douglas 147 not out, both in the first innings; Claude Ashton took 7 wickets for 11 runs in the second. Smith compiled 149 in Gloucester's first innings.

At Manchester, Hampshire obtained a first innings lead over Lancashire. Brown compiled 104 in Hampshire's second innings.

Surrey led Middlesex on the first innings at the Oval. Surrey declared at 482 for 6 wickets, Hobbs contributing 136 and Sandham 112. The second innings was declared at 239 for 7 of which Sandham had scored 73. Middlesex's first innings closed at 294. Hendren hitting up 86 not out. When stumps were drawn Middlesex's second innings stood at 323 for 8 wickets, Hendren's contribution being 142 not out. It was a magnificent finish, Hendren saving Middlesex from defeat.

SOVIET ENVOY.

RAKOWSKY'S FATE UNSETTLED.

GOOD FAITH CLAIM.

LONDON, Aug. 14.

The question of Britain's acceptance of M. Rakovsky's appointment as Soviet envoy to London is still unsettled. According to a Riga message, M. Rakovsky, in a statement, denies the anti-British utterances ascribed to him in the foreign press. He proclaims himself an advocate of the closest economic Anglo-Russian co-operation, considering the present time very favourable for the participation of British capital in the recovery of Russia. M. Rakovsky has departed for Berlin. He hopes soon to go to London.

SEIZING VESSELS.

LATEST PROHIBITION RULING.

SIGNIFICANT JUDGMENT.

NEW YORK, August 14.

The following is the significant decision given by the Federal Court upholding the Government action in seizing the British vessel "Marion Mosher" off Fire Island on July 27:

"When a British vessel hovers around the American coast although three miles from shore with intent to violate the laws and is caught in the act of smuggling or attempting to smuggle intoxicating liquors and is shown that it is having contact with the shore, its seizure, though of foreign registry and outside the 3-mile limit, is justified."

MINING DISASTER.

200 MEN ENTOMBED.

KEMMERER, WYOMING, August 14.

Following an explosion in the morning in one of the Kemmerer pits, 200 miners are entombed.

STRAUS PACT SIGNED.

ROM, August 15.
M. Jordanski, on behalf of Russia, has signed the Straus convention concluded at Lausanne.

ARBITRATE.

GERMANY REPEATS OFFER.

THE WAY OUT.

PASSIVE RESISTANCE CONTINUES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

BERLIN, August 14.

An expression of willingness to submit the Ruhr question to the International Court of Arbitration was one of the chief features of Chancellor Stresemann's speech in the Reichstag.

Outlining his policy further, he said the new Government formed on the broadest parliamentary basis would be the strongest Cabinet against any idea of the violation of Germany since the Republic had been established.

The passive resistance of the Ruhr population was deeply rooted in a firm conviction in the justice of its cause. This was just unequivocally recognized by the British Government and they might assume the statement of the British standpoint would find an echo in France and Belgium. The Government did not doubt that any impartial arbitral decision would restore the Ruhr to Germany.

LATER.

The Reichstag passed a vote of confidence in the new Government by 540 to 76 votes. There were 25 abstentions.

ORDER ESSENTIAL.

BERLIN, August 15.

Herr Stresemann only vaguely referred to the possibility of the resumption of reparations after unrestricted administration had been restored in the Ruhr. He assured Germany that all the imprisoned Germans would be released and Germany would be given a breathing space "provided the burdens imposed permit the continuance of the State's economic life and further development of the nation."

Finally he referred to the necessity of restoring order at home and appealed to all classes to support the gold loan. He declared it was the duty of the Government to satisfy the demand for a stable currency. He regarded the demand for a stable basis for wages as justified.

He concluded by saying he only is lost who surrenders himself. We have the right to believe in Germany's future and it is our task to secure it.

FRANCE'S REPLY.

PARIS, August 14.

A yellow book is being published shortly replying in detail to the British note.

Lord Curzon, Foreign Minister, is at present undergoing thermal treatment at Bagnolles, France.

LONDON, August 14.

French francs have further depreciated to 83.00. Belgian francs are 100.15. Marks are between 10,000,000 and 12,000,000.

AMERICA'S ATTITUDE.

WASHINGTON, August 14.

Mr. Calvin Coolidge, the President, presided at his first Cabinet meeting. All the Cabinet Officials now in Washington agreed to serve in their present capacity.

It is authoritatively stated that so far as Lord Curzon's reparations plan accords with Mr. Hughes' suggestion, the Government is ready to play its part in the fresh determination of the economic conditions of Germany.

Mr. Coolidge's administration adheres to the tradition laid down in the speech of Mr. Hughes in December that the Government does not see its way to make an open offer of direct aid in the present crisis, but it will readily respond to any appeal for aid from abroad where help can be given without regard to the interests of the American people.

The President does not see any occasion to call a special session of Congress before the regular December session.

MORE FATAL RIOTS.

BERLIN, August 14.

Despite the strenuous efforts of the Communists, the collapse of the general strike is imminent. The gasworks are still idle, but work has resumed in a number of power-stations. Trams and the underground railways are running. Traffic on the State railways is almost normal.

Attempted demonstrations in various parts of Berlin were suppressed by the police.

The situation has worsened at Stettin where the dockers have struck. A number of shops were plundered, especially butchers and bakers.

The Communists have been stirring up the peasants, with the result that strikes have broken out on fifty estates in the Soldin district and partial strikes have occurred at numerous other places.

The Communist appeal for a general strike at Leipzig failed. The Communists attempted to occupy the industrial town of Seitz where nine Communists were killed. Thirty people, including several policemen, were wounded in a fight with the police.

Five civilians were injured in a collision with police in Hamburg. Order has been restored at Luebeck.

LATER.

Communists attempted to erect a barricade to prevent the passage of tram-cars in the East End of Berlin. They fired on the police who returned fire, wounding four persons.

DUSSELDORF, August 14.

The French have seized fifty milliards of marks at Wittels.

POLICE CHARGE CROWD.

AIX LA CHAPELLE, August 14.

Hundreds of Communists accompanied by cyclists patrolled the town. A number were arrested, whereupon the Communists attacked the police station. The German police threw hand grenades and emptied their carbines and revolvers into the crowd which mounted police then charged. Sixty demonstrators were killed and wounded.

[Aix-la-Chapelle, capital of Rhineland Prussia, is 44 miles from Cologne. Celebrated for its baths, the city has a population of 135,000.]

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Hongkong, August 7, 1923.

HONGKONG PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Society will be held at the St. John's Cathedral Hall, on MONDAY, 20th August at 5.30 p.m.

It is hoped that all members will endeavour to attend—others interested in music are cordially invited.

E. BULLOCK,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, August 7, 1923.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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Hongkong, August 11, 1923.

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MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

After a successful season at the New Scala Theatre the Marionette Players are about to start a music hall tour.

Irish Free States Customs officials have seized on the Ulster border nearly a ton of material for the manufacture of explosives, made up in packets described as table salt.

Among the people found in a police raid on a Liverpool house where betting was suspected, to have been carried on was a girl, three years of age, who had a betting slip in her hand.

Subsequently Colonel Grigg raised the question of our relations with the Russian Government, urging the Government to submit all questions at issue to arbitration and to lay the whole case before the House before they came to an absolute breach and abandoned the trade agreement.

"I never talk about second marriages in the presence of my husband because it makes him restless."—A woman at Marylebone County Court.

An apparatus, which it is claimed prevents the discharge of the black smoke which causes fog, is being fitted to the chimney of the Folkestone Electricity Company's works.

He repeated the assurance already given that the Foreign Secretary would be willing to meet M. Krassin, and if the latter desired to communicate with his Government the time limit would not be insisted upon. If there was a rupture the responsibility for it would rest with the Russian Government.

Dr. Nazi-el-Assie, the Envoy in London of the Arab King Hussein of the Hedjaz, states that the treaty which has just been concluded between King Hussein and Great Britain does not endorse the principle of the Jewish National Home in Palestine, to the establishment of which the Arabs, he declares, have no intention of becoming a party.

Replies on the debate, Mr. McNeill said the situation as regards Egypt was not satisfactory, but it was better than it was a few months ago.

The Danish yachtsman Julian Tryde, who left Copenhagen alone a year ago, has arrived at Barcelona in his 4-metre yacht, having toured the Baltic ports and crossed France through the canal system to the Mediterranean.

On the motion that the House adjourn for Whitsun, the state of unemployment among women, the withdrawal of the grant for Juvenile Unemployment Centres, the evictions in Glasgow, and the unrest in Egypt were discussed.

Some details of the proposals of the Mussolini Government for the reform of the Italian electoral law are contained in a despatch from Rome. By the amendments the Fascist confidently anticipate the gain of from 200 to 300 seats in the next Parliament. The strength of the Government is such that it can safely count upon passing any measure.

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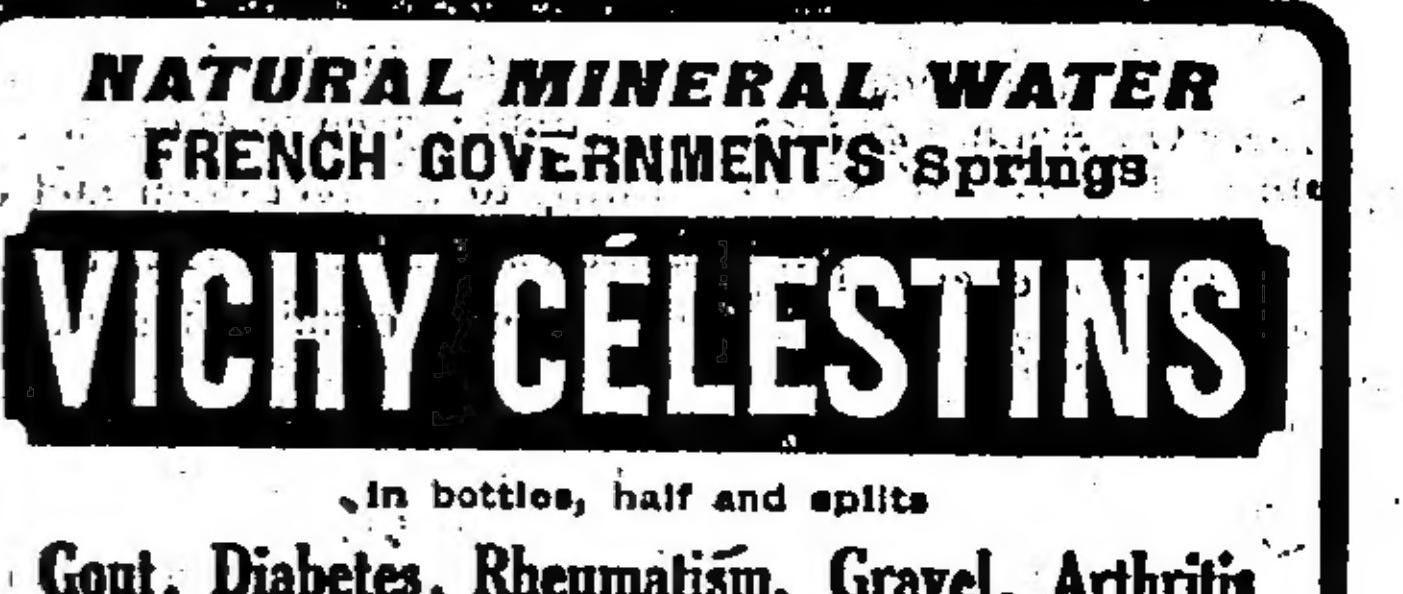
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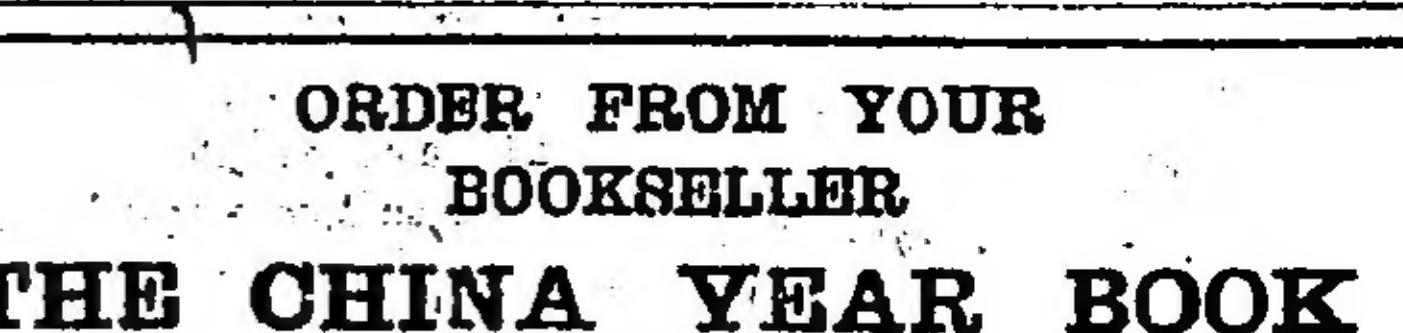
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CORFIELD.—On August 4, 1923, at Kuling, the wife of G. F. Conyngham Corfield, D.S.C. (late Lieut-Colonel, R.E.) Chinese Maritime Customs, Yochow, Hunan, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

VAIL—WHITNEY.—On August 4, 1923, at Shanghai, William Vail to Edith Averil Whitney, of St. Ives, Hunts., England.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, AUG. 16, 1928.

LOCAL JURY REFORM.

Whilst a resident earning not less than \$100 per month and having the God-given intelligence which enables him to speak and understand the English language has no voice in the many things which are done for him by a London-appointed oligarchy, he is yet deemed capable of considering abstract legal points of view submitted by "windy warriors of the wig" and holding the scales evenly in such momentous matters as life and death. He is coaxed and caressed. He, in his collective capacity, is addressed as "Gentleman of the Jury," and assured in dulcet tones that he cannot possibly help, after listening as he has, to the case before the Court, so intelligently and so earnestly, but arrive at a conclusion which will leave him no option but to reach a certain decision. We make no attempt here to belittle the Jury system, although we think we could make out a good case why it should either be abolished entirely, or arrangements made to have a more equal distribution of the different communities of our Colony occupying the box, than the balloting of names which is the rule, generally given. We simply content ourselves with making a plea that the short list of

is against human nature to expect any such thing. There is obvious need of reform, and that men holding responsible business positions should have the right to be heard when their claim to be allowed exemption is backed up by reason and the hard facts of logic.

Land Sales.

Despite Lowell's assertion that "the heaven alone that is given away" and the more plainer one that "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof" our Land Sales continue to vie with Tennyson's Brook.

"He fares the land, to hastening bids a prey
Where rents increase beyond our means to pay."

Apologies to Goldsmith by all means, but his gentle lines lend themselves to maltreatment that sums up the situation in a couplet. Hastening bids they must be if they run values to beyond a third and a fourth of what the Government assess them at, and increased rents follow us doth night the day. Our account of a land sale held recently, when land at Ho Mu Tin came under the hammer, stated that the sale was attended by "200 odd people." Happy phrase! Odd people! 200 of them! A shipwrecked Mariner who sights a land and is hungry for it, is not in it with these weather-beaten philanthropists eager to land a site. Perhaps we misunderstand them and that after all they have "learnt the luxury of doing good." It is the broad truth that should be taken in all things.—These little land sales bring grist to the Government Mill: they help the Treasury to have a cool twelve million dollars or so in hand; help to make roads for more sites to be sold; including that one leading to the Valhalla of the Taipans at Shekko; and help also to house our many and in some cases over-harassed and over-worked officials. And in any case it is an economic matter and less books and building theoretic economists—even those in high places, tell us we must not interfere with the laws of supply and demand. Some day the scales of blindness will drop from our uneconomic eyes and everything will be made plain to us. Meanwhile we go to the verses of an unknown Australian who composed them under the title of "The Land Sale" at a time "When the 'land-sharks' pushed suburbia out on to the peaceful seaside heaths where he had his little home." They may have little to do with conditions as they exist here, but there seems a slight connection, whilst the last two lines give us hope:

Behold, upon the wind swept ways they rear
The tattered ensign of the host of greed
Who batte on their brother's burning need.
Across the moorland echoes far and near
The loud-tongued jargon of the auctioneer.
Bewildering the birds that build and breed
Upon their Maker's moor, sans tithe-deed.

Ye titterous things! What is it that ye fear? What though men sell this flower-filled land and mar Thy heathered heavens with unverdured street And hide the gracious grass with sand and lar To play a way for rent-collecting feet. Be comforted ye freedom-nurtured things, For God hath other moors and ye have wings.

Money Talks.

The French Government and the French people are influenced in their reparations policy by two powerful motives which blind them to the ultimate consequences which must inevitably flow from persisting in it. These impelling motives are fear of Germany and the desperate plight of the national finances. If only tangible securities could be devised to ensure France from German aggression—and this given the will, should not prove beyond the wit of world statesmanship—the first step would be taken towards the tranquility and economic stability of Europe. Just in how desperate a State are the French finances may be seen from a few tell-tale figures taken from a review of the French financial situation by Mr. J. Lawrence Langton, in the current number of "Scribner's Magazine." Mr. Langton writes: "By the end of 1913 France's total debt was \$4,920,000,000 dollars (at par, roughly £1,250,000,000) which was more than twice that of Italy and nearly twice that of Great Britain. On top of this pre-war burden was added the phenomenal expenses of the world war. If reduced to the purchasing power of the franc in 1918, the cost of the war in gold was \$12,430,000,000 dollars (roughly £2,500,000,000) to

which should be added property losses of about \$17,430,000,000 dollars (£3,500,000,000) in all. Since the close of the war the national debt has been increasing, and not only during the war, but in the subsequent years, the budgets have not balanced. At the end of 1921, the total debt is given as \$50,444,000,000 dollars (£11,861,000,000)." As matters have gone from bad to worse since, it will readily be seen to what financial straits France has been reduced. These figures also enable us to understand her unwillingness to abate one iota of little of her claims against her powerful and potentially rich neighbour, from whom, up to the present, she has received less than sufficient to pay the cost of maintaining her army of occupation. What France has yet to learn is that the policy she has been pursuing is the least calculated to secure, in appreciable measure, the financial advantages to which, under the Versailles Treaty she lays claim, and that rather is it one to involve herself and the whole of the civilised world in a hopeless economic debacle. To avert such a catastrophe, however distasteful the alternative may be, she will have to recognise the expediency and the wisdom of acting in the strictest concert with her allies.

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Today's Poem.
(*The Doves*)

They flock around the fountain in the square,
White, fluttering doves, grown bold because they share
The tidbits of the children playing there;
The little cripple, even, pale and bruised,
Shares with the snowy birds his scanty crust.
And grows a smile because of their sweet trust.

Children and birds in gentle comradeship.

Is such a pretty sight that it must strip?

From faces fair that shadowed brow and lip;

It gives a heart glow, like the sight that greets

You, sometimes, when the body of city streets

Takes up with some poor vagrant cur he meets!

—JANET GARGAN.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

August 15.—Coronet Theatre; Constance Talmadge in "In Search of a Sinner."

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August 16.—Royal Hongkong Golf Club Ladies' Medal Competition.

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PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

August 15.—Lammert Bros., at Godown No. 51, Kowloon, 66 cases Foochow Tea, "New Season (More or less damaged)," 11 a.m.

August 17.—Lammert Bros., at their Sales Rooms, valuable leasehold properties at 3 p.m.

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August 21.—Lammert Bros., at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, "The s.s. 'Chekiang,'" now lying at Shamshui-poo, 3 p.m.

MEETINGS.

August 20.—General meeting of the Hongkong Philharmonic Society at St. John's Cathedral, 5.30 p.m.

December 12.—Meeting of Unsecured Creditors of the Hongkong Branch of the Banque Industrielle de Chine, at the City Hall, 3 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.

ACTIVE ACTIVITIES.

The Chinese Y.M.C.A. announce forthcoming events as under:

Friday at 7.30 p.m.—The English Debating Club will carry out a Mock Trial.

Saturday at 5.30 p.m.—Vegetable dinner, 8.00 p.m. "The Church and China" Address by Rev. H. T. Chung.

Sunday at 3 p.m.—"The Bible in China" Address by Rev. H. O. T. Burkwell, 8 p.m. Address by Rev. H. T. Chung.

Monday at 7.30 p.m.—Cinema display. Also on Tuesday.

Tuesday at 7.30 p.m.—Chinese Debating Club.

It is proposed to form an orchestra of wind or string instruments. An average of 117 members used the bath, pool and gymnasium during July,

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Wm. Powell Ltd. announce the sale of lace nets, spot and Madras muslins.

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At yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board the Chairman informed the meeting that the Government has given its formal approval to the Board's recommendations concerning the "Removal of Patients" By-laws. The rest of the meeting was purely formal. There were present the Chairman (Mr. G. R. Sayer), Dr. W. W. Pearce, Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, and the Secretary (Mr. J. A. Fraser).

The *Japan Chronicle* says—Mr. P. L. Spence, the President of the Kobe Cricket Club, informs us that he has received a letter from Captain E. I. M. Barrett of Shanghai, stating that the Committee of the Shanghai Cricket Club, hearing that the Kobe Cricket Club is in financial difficulties, owing to the heavy expenses entailed in keeping up the Recreation Ground, has voted a donation of Y.100 to the K. C. C. The spirit of good fellowship that prompted the gift will be appreciated by all Kobe sportsmen.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

A Reuter cable from Amsterdam announces the death of M. Cremer, former Minister of Colonies. M. Cremer died after an operation.

A Reuter cable from Washington states that the late President Harding left estate valued at \$750,000. His wife is the chief beneficiary.

Cable advices received in Shanghai last week state that Mr. Abe Stein, president of the Abe Stein Co., died in New York after a short illness. This company is the parent organization of the China & Java Export Co., a Shanghai concern, dealing in hides and leathers. Mr. Stein was known in American circles as the "grand old man" of leather.

The death is announced of Mr. F. L. Latham, formerly Advocate-General of Bombay. Mr. Francis Law Latham, M.A., was called to the Bar in 1864. He went out to India in the Bombay Judicial Service, and officiated as Remembrancer of Legal Affairs from 1872 to 1873, and as Advocate-General and Judge of the Bombay High Court for various periods between 1880 and 1884. He was Advocate-General, Bombay, from 1884 to 1893.

The death is reported from Yokohama of Mr. Claude Albert Piq, after a painful illness of an internal nature, which lasted several months. Born at Pierre Bonite, in the Rhine district of France, in 1872, Mr. Piq came to Japan 23 years ago and joined the firm of Messrs. Dourlure and Co., in which he eventually became a partner, marrying the oldest daughter of Mr. Dourlure. Mr. Piq was a popular member of the French community and his early death will be deplored. He leaves a widow and four children.

The death is reported from Woe, unto me, a common plebe, My Star has fallen from the Heavens;

There's naught to do but sit and grieve,

With Idols shot to six-and-sevens!

For did not I ere aim afar,

Promethean Heights to seek?

Was not my sole inspiring star

In orbit to the Peak?

Whereat thought I, (Alas!) Aradian mortals bleat;

Without the sign, "Keep off the grass!"

On High Elysian crest!

Woe, unto me, (as I said before)

My Idols were but shams;

At least it seems like that and more.

From Peake's "Rules on Trains"

"Dont board till (children) all get off—

(O! Shade of good King Arthur!)

Dont board a moving train or scoff

At yelpings of the Starter!"

"Get off when pushed, obey the Guard,

Dont stand, dont smoke, dont chow or spit;

(My Lord, that word sounds hard!)

Dont ride unless you sit!"

"Dont play (mouth-organs or jew's-harp)

Dont sing (a Coster song)

Get drunk—(Oh, Pussyfoot be sharp!)

And swearing, that's profanely wrong!"

Oh, how much better it would be

Instead, to inscribe thus:

"ALL GENTLEMEN deport

With chivalry

And all the OTHERS must!"

BANK LOAN.

\$73,925 CLAIM AGAINST MERCHANT.

QUESTION OF PROCEDURE.

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HOSPITAL NEEDS.
LOCAL FIELD FOR CHARITY.

SANATORIUM WANTED.

More than one speaker at the annual meeting of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals held in the Chamber of Commerce Board Room to-day emphasised the urgent need of more financial help to enable the invaluable work of the institutions to be continued and extended into still wider spheres of usefulness.

Mr. P. H. Holyoak presided and there were also present the Hon. Mr. E. R. Halifax (Secretary for Chinese Affairs), the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock K.C., the Rev. Dr. T. W. Pearce and Messrs. W. B. Walker, H. Greenwood, A. E. Wright, P. A. Cox, Cheung Chuk-ling, Mok Kon-shing, S. W. Tso and J. M. Wong.

Proposing the adoption of the annual report, the Hon. Mr. Pollock after eulogising the "most valuable work" done for the Colony by these institutions and the praiseworthy efforts of the staff, noted the decrease in donations and expressed the opinion that if the public realised the important work the hospitals were doing a considerable increase in donations would be registered instead. Discussing the urgent need of a sanatorium for the treatment of early cases of tuberculosis Mr. Pollock urged the community to give the proposal generous support.

The honorary treasurer, Mr. H. Greenwood, reported that expenditure had exceeded receipts and that the income was \$4126 less than last year owing to a falling off in donations. Extra expenditure in the shape of rent for hospital premises had been incurred following the sale of the Alice Memorial Hospital but otherwise, in spite of the increase of salaries and the cost of food and necessities the expenses were considerably reduced. The result was very satisfactory, but to meet current needs they must have increased donations.

After the thanks of the committee had been expressed to Mr. Greenwood and to the honorary auditors, Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming the Chairman addressed the meeting. Mr. Holyoak said he knew of no other institution in the Colony performing more valuable service to the community at large. As he had said two years ago and repeated now with increased emphasis, were it not for the services these hospitals rendered to the Colony the Government itself would need to provide very much increased Chinese accommodation to deal with the numerous cases which were handled there month by month and year by year. He had repeatedly come across Chinese who had been treated in these hospitals and he was afraid there was no disguising the fact that they would very much prefer to go to them than to the Government Civil Hospital. These institutions were performing a service which should neither be forgotten nor overlooked by the community and they deserved more generous support than they had hitherto had, either from the Government or the public. He thought that the hospitals were suffering from lack of publicity in regard to the "magnificent and splendid" work they were doing. The committee was aware of this and had engaged a business manager who would shortly be here and would in connection with his other duties carry on somewhat of an advertising campaign as the result of which they would, he hoped, be able to report a large increase in voluntary subscriptions to the work of the hospitals next year.

If there were any captious critic to be found in the Colony he would be silenced, Mr. Holyoak thought, if he carefully studied the accounts and came to realise that the administration of the hospitals was run on most careful lines. After quoting several instances where, in view of the decreased subscriptions, savings had been effected, he went on to refer to the recent visit of the father and mother of the late Dr. Wood who, he said, displayed their interest in the work of the hospitals in a very generous manner. Discussing the references made by Dr. Gibson in the annual report to the treatment of tuberculous cases the Chairman said he hoped it might be possible to connect with these hospitals a sanatorium for the treatment of phthisis on modern western lines. He would like specially to refer to the valuable services of Dr. Gibson which were put at the disposal of the hospitals when Dr. Mitchell left for home and he hoped it might be possible in some measure to retain them.

An X-ray apparatus was, Mr. Holyoak mentioned very urgently needed in connection with the work of the hospitals but the present finances did not justify the committee in expending a sum of about \$6000 at the present time. Some of our Chinese friends might, he sug-

GARRISON FOOTBALL.

[BY ARKUS]

A notification in *Command Orders* for August 14 calls for entries for the Garrison Association Football League. Entries close on August 24 and should be forwarded to R.Q.M.S. Tildestley, 2nd Bn. The King's Regt., Murray Barracks, accompanied by an entrance fee of \$5.00. Entries are limited to one team per Company, but Staff and Departments may amalgamate. Units are also requested to forward the names of any individuals who are qualified and willing to officiate as referees in this competition. A fee of one dollar per match is paid to referees.

In this connection, it has been suggested to the *China Mail* that probably the Hongkong Football Association referees would be willing to give their services. We pass on the suggestion.

SCREEN SUCCESSES.

INTERESTING PRESENTATIONS.

Cinema lovers have an opportunity during the week to see some of the Coronet Theatre's successes, which are being shown in place of the Arctic Regions picture, "Nanook of the North," which has unfortunately been delayed in transit. To-day "In Search of a Sinner" is the attraction. It is a Constance Talmadge picture, and contains a novel plot and high class humour which are generally a feature of all productions in which Miss Talmadge takes the leading part. To-morrow Mary Pickford appears in a very fine story called, "The Hoodlum." On Friday "The Notorious Miss List" featuring Katherine Macdonald, will be presented. "Nanook of the North" will arrive in the Colony in time to be screened on Saturday.

SMALL THEFTS.

TO-DAY'S POLICE COURT CHARGES.

Larceny of articles from European establishments figured in two cases before Mr. C. D. Melbourne this morning. In the first a Chinese was charged with the theft of two gunny bags which were stated to have been secreted in an empty compartment in a box which contained electric cells. Defendant pleaded that he did not know the bags were in the box he was carrying and the case was held over till to-morrow.

For the theft of some articles from the Kowloon Docks a Chinese with a conviction in 1908 was sentenced to 21 days' hard labour.

UNPAID TROOPS.

CHIHLI LEADERS ASK FOR FUNDS.

PEKING, August 14.—Tsao Kun has requested the Government to pay \$300,000 for his troops.

Wu Pei-fu also requests funds—*Courtesy Daily Bulletin*.

MAN OF MANY JOBS.

PEKING, August 14.—Mandates appointing Chungku Minister of Finance and concurrently tupan of the salt administration and director of the currency bureau were issued this afternoon.

gested, "in these days when the Colony is flowing with money" see fit to supply as a gift to the hospital something that would be of inestimable value for the relief of distress in the Colony.

After the Chairman had expressed appreciation of his re-election while at Home on leave the annual meeting was closed with a vote of thanks to the Chamber of Commerce for the use of their board room and an extraordinary general meeting was held, for the purpose of bringing the management of the hospitals into agreement with the new constitution.

The Secretary, the Rev. H. R. Wells, said that last week they had received a telegram from the London Missionary Society approving the revised constitution, the aim of which was to bring the work of the hospitals more under the control of the local committee.

Mr. Holyoak was re-elected Chairman and the Hon. Mr. E. R. Halifax deputy Chairman. In accordance with the new rules the Superintendent (Dr. Gibson), the Matron (Miss. Rayner), the Secretary (The Rev. H. R. Wells) and the hon. treasurer (Mr. H. Greenwood) were appointed members of the executive committee and the following names were added: the Hon. Mr. Pollock and Messrs. W. B. Walker, S. W. Tso, Chau Siu-ki and J. M. Wong.

POLICE TRAGEDY.

INSPECTOR HENDERSON'S FUNERAL.

Acting Sub-Inspector William Young Henderson, who was killed on Monday evening while riding his motor cycle along the Taipo Road, was buried at Happy Valley cemetery yesterday afternoon with the customary police honours. The coffin was borne from the mortuary on a gun carriage drawn by a number of European Sergeants and at Murray Barracks the cortège was joined by the band of the King's Regiment which headed the procession to the cemetery playing the "Dead March in Saul." As the cortège moved past the Murray Parade ground a game of football in progress was stopped, players, referee and linesmen standing to attention.

Brother officers carried the coffin to the graveside where the burial service was read by the Rev. W. T. Lindsay of the Wesleyan Church. At the end of the service the "Last Post" was sounded by six buglers of the King's Regiment and companions of the late Sub-inspector filled in the grave.

Amongst those present at the graveside were the G. S. P. (Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe), Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, D. S. P. Mr. L. H. V. Booth, A. S. P. Mr. D. Burlingham A. S. P. and Mr. J. Kerr A. S. P., Chief Inspector Robert Macdonald, Chief Detective Inspector John Grant, Inspectors Murphy, Appleton, Gerard, Cashman and Aris, Superintendent Brooks and Station Master Moss of the Fire Brigade, Senior Revenue Officer Watt, Revenue Inspector Grinnell, Mr. C. H. Lyon and Sanitary Inspectors Taylor and McEwen.

There was an unusual profusion of wreaths and these were conveyed to the cemetery gates on a Fire Brigade engine. Amongst those who sent floral tributes were the Captain Superintendent of Police, Mr. Burlingham, Mr. and Mrs. Wodehouse, Mr. T. H. King, Mr. and Mrs. Kerr, Mr. L. H. V. Booth, Mr. E. Wynne Jones, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Clarke, Mr. T. H. G. Brayfield, Mr. G. G. Wood, Chief Inspector and Mrs. Macdonald, European Training School, European Revenue Officers, United Service Lodge 1341, Inspector and Mrs. Boulier, Royal Naval Yard Police, Kowloon-Canton Railway, Fire Brigade, Victoria Gap, Won Master, officers and members of the United Mark Lodge 419, E.C., Principal and confreres, United Chapter 1341, E.C., Easme Club, W.C.A. and brethren of the Ararat Ark Mariners' Lodge, and all the Police Stations.

COURT MARTIAL.

A District Court-Martial, composed of Major Cruickshank, D.S.O., R.G.A.; a Captain from the King's, and a Subaltern from the K.E.O., will assemble at Murray Barracks at 10 a.m. on Friday. The accused is Private No. 3,759,693 William Holstead of the King's.

TYPHOON WARNING.

A telegram from the American Consulate-General received at 10 o'clock this morning, states that a cyclone or typhoon is developing to the south of Guam. No indication is given in the message of its direction.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Owing to the receipt of numerous complaints from patrons as to the incivility of various members of the Staff of the Hotels under the Management of this Company in Hongkong, such complaints being to the effect that "Cash" has been demanded in satisfaction of Liquors supplied, and patrons thereby inconvenienced by not being allowed to sign "chits," we beg to draw the attention of our clientele to the terms of the Liquors Ordinance, 1917, an extract from which is hereby given—

2. In this Ordinance—

- (a) "Cash" means any coins or notes current in the Colony.
- (b) "Sale" includes any transaction in which intoxicating liquor is supplied for any consideration whatsoever, direct or indirect.
- 3. (1) Subject to the provisions of sub-section (2) of this section, no person shall sell any intoxicating liquor for consumption on or at any licensed premises except for cash.
- (2) Sub-section (1) of this section shall not apply to the following:

 - (a) any sale by the proprietor of an hotel to a person residing at the hotel;
 - (b) any sale by the proprietor of an hotel of liquor to be consumed in the dining room of the hotel at one of the regular meals of the hotel or of liquor to be consumed in conjunction with any other bona fide meal for which a charge of at least thirty cents can be reasonably made;
 - (c) any sale in accordance with the conditions of his licence by the holder of a restaurant adjacent licence.

- 4. Where any intoxicating liquor is sold by a servant or employee in contravention of section 3 of this Ordinance the employer, whether a natural person or a body corporate, shall be deemed to be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance unless he proves affirmatively that the sale was against his express orders and without his consent or connivance.

5. Every person to whom any liquor is, to the knowledge of such person, supplied in contravention of this Ordinance shall also be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance.

The co-operation of our Patrons, with a view to assisting us to carry out the provisions of the Liquors Ordinance, is respectfully requested.

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF
THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LTD.
WALTER J. HAWKER,
SECRETARY.

Hongkong, 15th August, 1923.

SERIOUS ALLEGATION.

YAUMATI HOTEL CHARGED.

The Oriental Hotel, a Chinese establishment at Yaumati, was charged this morning with allowing the premises to be used for immoral purposes. Mr. R. E. A. Webster, defending, asked for a remand as he was leaving for Amoy on urgent business to-day.

Mr. J. H. B. Nihill of the S.C.A., prosecuted. He said that time could be saved if he gave an outline of the case first. Mr. Nihill, after reading the section of the Ordinance, said that a man who was occupying a room in the hotel, used a chit in, sending for a prostitute who stayed there for an hour. There was no direct evidence of misconduct as the S.C.A.'s officer found the room empty except for the woman. If His Worship thought that direct evidence of misconduct was necessary to prove a conviction he, Mr. Nihill, would withdraw the case.

Mr. J. R. Wood said he would consider the point and remanded the case for a week.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From SAN FRANCISCO and LOS ANGELES via PORTS.

THE Steamship

"WEST CHOPAKA"

having arrived from the above mentioned ports Thursday, 16th August, 1923. Consignees are hereby notified that their cargo is being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, and stored at consignee's risk.

Consignees of cargo must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be countersigned or Delivery Orders issued.

All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godowns where it will be examined at 10 a.m. Tuesday, 21st August, 1923, by Messrs. Anderson & Ashe, Marine Surveyors.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognised.

No claim will be recognised after the goods have left the Godown and cargo undelivered after 22nd August, 1923, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading in exchange for Delivery Orders immediately.

STRUTHERS & BARRY,
Agents, U. S. S. B. Emergency
Fleet Corporation.

Hongkong, 16th August, 1923.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 26th day of August, 1923, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, Eight Lots of LAND, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS.

| No. of Lot | Quantity | Locality | Boundary Measurements | Costs and Expenses | | Annual Rent | Postage |
|------------|----------|----------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------|-------------|---------|
| | | | | N. | S. | E. | W. |
| 1 | Stable | Rubber | As per sale plan. | about | 24,700 | 112 | 10 |
| 2 | Do. | Do. | Do. | 26,500 | 113 | 10 | 10 |
| 3 | Do. | Do. | Do. | 34,000 | 114 | 10 | 10 |
| 4 | Do. | Do. | Do. | 12,000 | 65 | 8 | 8 |
| 5 | Do. | Do. | Do. | 20,000 | 115 | 8 | 8 |
| 6 | Do. | Do. | Do. | 15,000 | 50 | 8 | 8 |
| 7 | Do. | Do. | Do. | 24,000 | 116 | 8 | 8 |

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THE CHINA MAIL.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 1923.

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COMMERCIAL.

MANY NEW CHINESE SHOPS.

MOSTLY PURVEYORS OF GERMAN GOODS.

Along that part of Queen's Road Central from Central Market westwards to Possession Street, small Chinese stores—pocket editions of the department stores—are springing up. Old ones have become reorganised and are taking up new ideas. An inspection to-day proved that they were wonderful outlets for sundry manufactured goods despite the bad times. Miscellaneous articles for household and personal use are stocked in large quantities and in the course of conversation it was gathered that more than half of the average purchases of each shop are for German made goods. Hitherto Japan manufactures have held the upper hand. But recently, German made toys, blankets, thermos-flasks, garters, &c. have made their appearance. The shopkeepers themselves cannot say whether the liking for these goods is due to their make-up or to the competitive prices irrespective of quality, but there is no gainsaying the fact that there is a large turnover in this trade which seems likely to expand.

RICE TRADE.

Eager purchasers for up-country towns sent the rice market up from eight to twelve cents a picul yesterday and to-day. Orders are coming in regularly though most of them are small. There is a tendency to buy on the "to arrive" basis as the purchasers wish to ensure a steady stream of shipments away if transport is not hampered.

AUSTRALIAN FRUIT.

The following has been communicated by the Australian Trade Commissioner at Shanghai:

The first shipment of fresh fruits—apples, grapes, oranges and lemons—for Eastern markets under the Greig-Alten system of airless storage, was made by the China-Australian steamer "Victoria," which left Melbourne for Hongkong on 24th March. The fruit is shipped in steel containers 7ft. by 5 ft. by 4ft. and the joints are welded. The air is then pumped from the containers by water pressure and a vacuum created and the freezing of the fruit, as in refrigerated chambers, is avoided. One of the steel containers will be opened at Thursday Island, and the remaining three at Hongkong. Should the experiment prove successful, it is anticipated that this test shipment will be the beginning of an extensive export trade in Australian fruit.

WUCHOW TRADE.

DECREASE IN 1922.

Imports, Direct and Coastwise. The gross and net values of foreign goods imported amounted to 4.5 million and 3.4 million Haikwan taels respectively, as against the corresponding totals in the preceding year of 7.7 million and 6.6 million Haikwan taels, showing a

WATER POLO LEAGUE.

TWO FAST GAMES AT V.R.C.

[By Argus.]

In the Hongkong Water Polo League, at the V.R.C. swimming pool last night, two fast games were witnessed. The R.A.M.C. and R.G.A. (B) teams drew (1-1), while the V.R.C. (A) defeated the King's (A) by 7 to nil.

In the first match, Captain Tomlinson scored for the R.A.M.C. soon after the opening from a pass by Percy. A minute later, Barton made the scores level. After a lively struggle, in which both goalies were kept busy, half-time arrived with the score one all. After the interval, Wooley missed by inches. In reply, the R.A.M.C. sent in three shots in quick succession, which Oram did well to save. From this point, the game became somewhat rough, both sides striving to obtain the winning point without success. A draw was a satisfactory ending. The teams:

R. G. A. (B)—Oram (goal); Doggerell, Manser (backs); Wooley (half-back); Barton, Knowles, Colyer (forwards).

R. A. M. C.—Walker (goal); Baigent, Pigott (backs); Percy (half-back); Tidd, Chilton, Tomlinson (forwards).

Referee: Mr. R. C. Witchell.

THE SECOND MATCH.

The V.R.C. pressed from the start and after Moore had saved from Knight at the expense of a corner, Watson scored with a fast shot for the V.R.C. After the restart a shot from Busschaert struck the post, but the same player hit in a pass from Lyon (2-0). Moore continually won applause for his excellent defence in goal, but after he had saved a regular hurricane of shots, Busschaert got one past him just before half-time from a pass by Witchell (3-0). Early in the second half, Watson added a fourth point. Busschaert scored the fifth and seventh and Stewart the sixth, giving the V.R.C. victory by 7 to nil. The King's put up a capital fight against a far stronger team. At times feeling ran high, but Mr. Clow was equal to the occasion. The sides:

V.R.C. (A)—Knight (goal); Sewell, Witchell (back); Stewart (half-back); Lyon, Watson, Busschaert (forwards).

King's (A)—Moore (goal); Hill, Kearney (backs); Proffit (half-back); Tuzio, Jones, Parry (forwards).

Referee: Mr. D. Clow.

WORLD THEATRE.

A GREAT SENSATIONAL MELODRAM.

"While New York Sleeps" is the next William Fox's production that has caused a great sensation wherever it has appeared on the screen. It consists of eight reels and is a high string trilogy of stories whose scenes move in tragic revelation. The picture is admirably balanced amid the upper and under worlds of a great city. As a matter of fact, it is a drama of life behind the scenes in New York. It realistically pictures human beings, human emotions and human destinies upon the ground work of social conditions and principles of the present day. Three performers—Estelle Taylor, Marc McDermott and Harry Southern—appear throughout the three stories in varied roles. The first part, "Out of the night," comes a strange visitor when the young wife of a rich man chances to be left in the house with her child. The incidents that occur with such a sudden visitor are appalling. The second part, "The Gay White Way," is at its gayest in the ball-room of the Palace Royal where young ladies a handsome and prosperous looking man to her table. In this scene a terrible tragedy ensues by the woman being found lying dead on the floor, pistol in hand. The third part, "Tragedy of the East-side," is foretold in the nature of the girl. She is impetuous and tempestuous and fights like a demon at the sweetshop where she works and is discharged. She finds shelter at the home of a Paralytic. He can neither move nor talk, but his senses of sight and hearing remain and he is eloquent with his eyes. His heart is centred on a delicate-looking son, but he disapproves the boy's love for the girl. The boy urges her to marry him and she does. Gradually he becomes the object of her detestation through his simple goodness of heart. The story goes on for further incidents which leads to final tragedy—both the gangster and the girl are killed in their attempt to escape. The summing up of values in Fox's "While New York Sleeps," particularly on account of the third episode, stamps it as a masterly production in its class. This beautiful film will be screened front to day till Saturday next at the World Theatre.

Native Customs.—The total value of the trade during the year amounted to HK. Tls. 8,128,292, as against HK. Tls. 15,449,914, in 1921. Compared with previous years, both import and export trade declined most remarkably, and the revenue has dwindled to HK. Tls. 8,052, which is the smallest collection in the last two decades. (From the Commissioner of Customs Trade Report.)

Re-exports.—The total value of foreign re-exports amounted to HK. Tls. 1,109,232, as against HK. Tls. 1,083,065 in 1921. Re-exports to Nanning, which as usual formed the greater portion of the trade under this heading, were valued at H. K. Tls. 889,600 (principal items: Indian cotton yarn, H. K. Tls. 344,920; kerosene oil, H. K. Tls. 197,995), as against H. K. Tls. 1,030,578 in the preceding year.

Exports, Abroad and Coastwise (including Re-exports).—The total value of original exports and re-exports combined amounted to 4.9 million Haikwan taels, as against 5.9 million taels in 1921. All the staple exports of the port fall off heavily, due to the obstruction of up-river traffic.

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SHIPPING BOARD.

STEAMERS TRADING TO ORIENT.

NO BIDS YET FOR PURCHASE.

The proposals of the U.S. Shipping Board either to sell the Merchant Marine with the alternative proposals of allocating ships by sale to the agents on some 18 of the prominent routes, should be of considerable interest to the local shipping agencies, for the two American passenger lines, the Pacific Mail and the Admira Line, are concerned vitally, says the *North China Daily News*. These two companies are now acting as agents for the Board on the two routes, the southern and northern having for their terminals on the western coast of America, San Francisco and Seattle respectively. It has been with the advent of their large ships, the 535s, as they are styled, that American ships have really entered the competitive passenger business, as well as the silk trade and general cargo business.

It has been intimated by the Shipping Board that neither of the lines has submitted a bid for the acquisition of these ships which has been found satisfactory by the Government.

It is said to will probably take in addition to the purchase price, another G. \$300,000 to make them absolutely efficient, so as economically to bring the highest possible return for money invested, for there is a lack of loading space between decks that disallows the most effective stowage. For instance, holds cannot accommodate freight for midway ports and short hauls without a general shifting while steaming, and seafaring men know that to be unsatisfactory. Passenger accommodation is not large enough and space is taken by crew's quarters that could easily be diverted to more profitable spheres. For these reasons, it is not a business proposition to offer a valuation without deducting for changes necessary. It is further understood that all tenders for trans-Pacific service with the exception of the two lines now in operation have been rejected, including a bid by Portland interests, for passenger boats, though the freight service to that port will likely continue.

SAN FRANCISCO'S INTEREST.
Various other companies have been bidding for the service from San Francisco to the Orient, and the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce has been in touch with the Shipping Board, and the following telegrams have been sent to Washington:

May 29.—"San Francisco Chamber of Commerce understands that Pacific Mail Steamship Company has submitted bid for trans-Pacific ships now in their service. By official vote of our board of directors we take pleasure in giving strong endorsement to this company. Pacific Mail has operated from this port for 57 years. Has high reputation for service and management and has continuously furnished a service which is vital to the trade of this community and which merits and receives community support."

June 6.—"Regarding bids for Shipping Board vessels in trans-Pacific service from San Francisco to the Orient, the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce is supremely interested in the maintenance of a service and schedule at least equal to that at present maintained by a company managed and operating at this port. The Robert Dollar Company, members of this chamber request us to endorse the Admiralty-Oriental Line to run ships out of this port to the Orient. As the latter company have not yet run ships out of this port, we cannot pass on their activities but we can strongly endorse the Robert Dollar Company as a shipping concern with headquarters at San Francisco and having the highest reputation for integrity and efficiency."

June 10.—"Referring to our wires of May 29 and June 6 endorsing the Pacific Mail Steamship Company and Robert Dollar Company in compliance with the provisions of the Jones Act. Since sending these wires the question has arisen as to whether the interests of this port would best be served by a steamship line operating solely from San Francisco to the Orient or by a company operating jointly out of this port and a competitive port."

"In order to ascertain the sentiment of this community a public meeting was held on June 15 which was attended by shippers, importers, exporters and transportation interests. This meeting was largely attended and thoroughly representative. There were strong and practically unanimous convictions expressed that the interests of this port would be best served by the continuation of the service of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company as a company operating solely from San Francisco."

The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce, at their regular meeting to-day, unanimously endorsed this view and respectfully ask that due and proper consideration be given to the expressed wish of those most vitally interested in trans-Pacific trade from this port."

PLAYGROUNDS.

THE ABSOLUTE NEED.

Last week the *China Mail* published a letter from the Reverend W. T. Featherstone, Headmaster of the Diocesan Boys' School, in which mention was made of Pamphlet No. 27, published in July 1913 by the Board of Education, London. The pamphlet in question was prepared by Mr. Walter Wood, who visited the United States for the purpose of collecting material and gaining first-hand knowledge of the arrangements made for the play of school children.

The report traces the playground movement in America from the opening of the sand gardens in Boston in 1887 up to the year 1912 when the scheme had developed to such an extent that most of the large cities throughout the United States boasted of Public Athletic Leagues or Playground Associations.

The pamphlet is replete with information on the subject of play in relation to public education through all the varying phases. The conclusions drawn by Mr. Wood, however, are the most important points as the matter affects Hongkong. In a nutshell, the opinion reached is that public playgrounds increase school discipline and efficiency, decrease truancy and juvenile delinquency and generally have a healthy influence upon school curriculum. If this was true in 1913, it is fair to assume that it is even more true to-day; otherwise the movement would not have spread and found almost universal favour among teachers in America and Great Britain.

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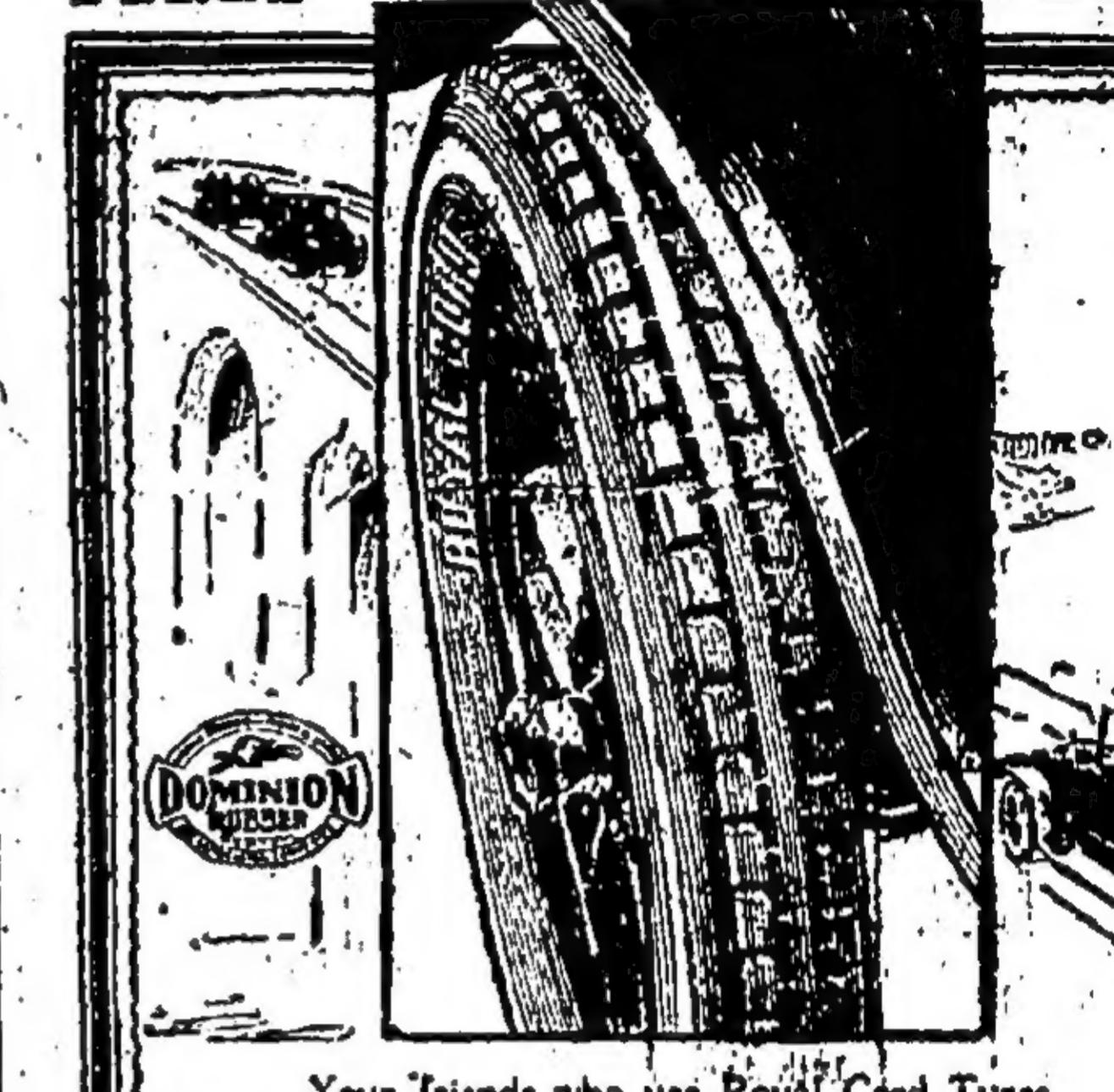
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Here is a photograph of Arthur Havers, the 24-year-old professional, who won the British open golf championship, defeating Walter Hagen, the American title holder, by one stroke at the end of 72 holes.



Eddie Zimmerman, life guard at Manhattan Beach, often called "Adonis Eddie," is back on his life-guard job, after an absence of two years, during which time he was the husband of Mrs. Cornelius A. Lane, widow of a young millionaire publisher, of Philadelphia. Eddie had been a life guard so long he couldn't make a model husband, so a divorce resulted—and Eddie is back to listen again for the cry of "Help."



Philip Drumm, 38, cashier of the American State Bank of Wichita, is alleged to have confessed the defalcation of \$1,500,000 of the bank's funds. He loaned great sums to oil operators on unsecured notes. He had been employed in the bank for 20 years.



Mrs. Nicholas Lenz and Leona

To a Chicago judge in the Domestic Relations Court has been delegated task similar to that with which two mothers confronted King Solomon. Mrs. Nicholas Lenz, of Chicago, says that Baby Leona aged four, is her daughter and that she gave birth to her by a Caesarian operation in April, 1918. Mrs. Julia Warzna claims that the child was born to her in Poland, in the same year, and that she loaned her to Mrs. Lenz, after her husband died, because of her inability to support the babe. The judge must determine the identity of the child's custodian.



Fred Thompson in two poses.

These two photographs are of Fred G. Thompson, held in Chicago on the charge of being the "bandit queen" who murdered Richard O. Tessner, insurance broker, who tried to save his wife's wedding ring from a hold-up "woman." For fourteen years Thompson has posed as "Mrs. Francis Carrick," wife of a chauffeur. The remarkable part of the dual life is that Thompson himself had a wife, Mrs. Marie Clark, whom he married two years ago. This marriage so angered Carrick, who had "married" Thompson, that a fight resulted, ending in all three living together in a strange compact.



Miss Fay Blanck recently volunteered to serve a subpoena which U. S. Marshals had been unable to serve on Otto Lehman, wealthy department store owner, who was wanted before the Grand Jury. She was admitted to his office, but there her bravado failed her, and she burst into tears. Mrs. Lehman courteously accompanied her before the Grand Jury.



Ernest Greenwood has been elected President of the International Association of Civilian Clubs, in session in Washington.



George Maxwell, rich New York music publisher and leader in American musical circles, has returned unexpectedly from Europe and is now out on \$5,000 bail on a charge of being the author of numberless poison pen letters. The indictment to which he surrendered alleged he wrote vile letters to Allan A. Ryan, son of Thomas Fortune Ryan, about Mrs. Ryan and Maxwell himself. He denies all the charges.



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automatic tide-recording machine in the
Water Police Station at Tsim Shui Tsui
during the years 1909-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with
the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty
Chart which has been found to 4 feet
below mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth of water on the
tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard
add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the range
at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet
to the height given in the table.

August 14 to 20, 1923.

HIGH WATER LOW WATER

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WEATHER REPORT.

August 15, 12h 07m—Pressure
has increased slightly at Shanghai
and over Indo-China. It has de-
creased moderately at Guam and
slightly at Yap. At other reporting
stations it is nearly stationary.
A depression lies over Indo-
China.

It is doubtful whether the Guam
typhoon, suspected on August 11,
is still in existence. Another has
formed to the South of Guam.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours
ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.96 inch.
Total since January 1st, 55.60 inches
against an average of 59.20 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at
noon on August 16, 1923.

1—Formosa Channel, S.E. winds,
moderate; generally cloudy, showery.

2—South coast of China between
Hongkong and Lantau, S.E. winds,
moderate; generally cloudy, showery.

3—Hongkong to Gao Rock, S.E.
winds, moderate; generally cloudy,
showery.

4—South coast of China between
Hongkong and Nanking, S.E. winds,
moderate; generally cloudy, showery.

5—Tsim Shui Tsui, S.E. winds,
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